

## N.Y. Court Is Asked to Free Panthers Held in Bomb Plot

NEW YORK, March 9 (UPI) —Two black law professors asked a State Supreme Court justice today to release from jail 11 Black Panthers whose trial in a bombing conspiracy was recessed indefinitely following courtroom disorders.

Justice John Leahy took the motion under advisement, noting that the recessing of the trial was "unprecedented" and raised constitutional questions.

The hearing was held in Queens where 11 of the 13 Panthers are jailed on charges of conspiring to bomb department stores, police stations, railroad tracks and the Bronx Botanical Gardens last Easter.

Criminal Court Judge John M. Murtagh adjourned pretrial hearings Feb. 24. He said he would not resume the hearings until assured there would be no further outbursts in the courtroom.

Attorneys Herbert Reid of Howard University Law School and Leroy D. Clark of New York University Law School led a battery of black lawyers seeking the defendants' release on writs of habeas corpus.

There were no disruptions during the one-hour hearing attended by the 11 defendants.

All spectators were searched before being allowed to enter the heavily guarded court-

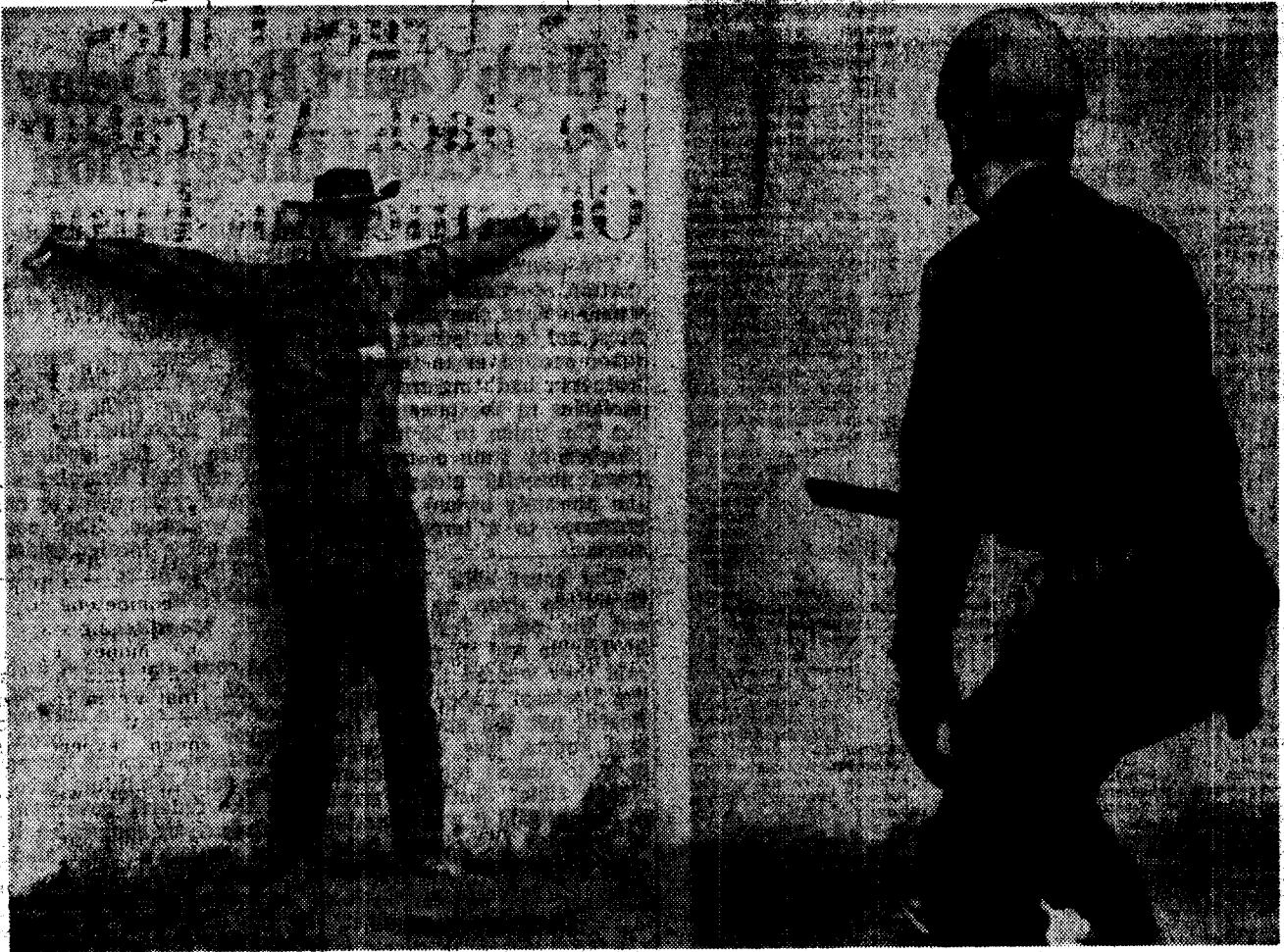
"As a civil rights attorney," Reid said, "I find Murtagh's order the most frightening thing to happen to black people in 25 years."

Both attorneys argued that the high bail and Murtagh's directive penalized the poor

and deprived the defendants of their rights to counsel and to a speedy trial.

Leahy gave the defense until 5 p.m. Tuesday to submit briefs and Assistant District Attorney Joseph A. Phillips until 5 p.m. Thursday to file his reply.

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**SHOWDOWN**—Clifford Heinz III, 30, holding a knife in his right hand, backs against the wall as a San Francisco tactical police officer moves in to disarm him. According to witnesses, Heinz threatened a Black Panther rally

outside the Hall of Justice with a stick of dynamite. But no dynamite was found on him. He was charged with waving a knife in a threatening manner. The rally was held to protest the extradition of Bobby Seale to Connecticut.